



Town of Eddington

906 Main Road Eddington, Maine 04428

April 26, 2012

Russell Charette
MaineDOT
16 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0016

Dear Mr. Charette;

The Town of Eddington Planning Board opposes the Maine DOT's proposed alternatives to connect I-395 to Rt. 9, including 2B-2, 5A2B-2, 5B2B-2, and the K loop options as mentioned in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Public Advisory Committee, general public, and other town officials have not been involved in the decision-making process since April 2009 – when the PAC dismissed 2B-2 as an option. The Eddington Planning Board is concerned over the impact of the proposed alternatives on the economic development and growth of the town due to the DEIS' description of "protecting the corridor from further development" which is in direct opposition to the Town's Comprehensive Plan and current zoning. Further, the Eddington Planning Board feels that any decisions on this connector are premature given the recent decision to study the East-West Highway, as the results of that study may render a connector pointless. The Eddington Planning Board hereby states firmly that they do not support the proposed connector alternatives, and suggest the options be withdrawn and then taken back to the PAC for further consideration and involvement in a more public, open, and transparent process.

This statement was drafted and voted on, Thursday, April 26, 2012. All present were in favor - Gretchen Heldmann, Tom Vanchieri, Frank Higgins, Craig Knight. Members not present at the meeting, but in favor of the statement – Susan Dunham-Shane, Henry Hodges, Michael Shepherd.

Sincerely Yours,

Russell J. Smith,
Town Manager
For the Eddington Planning Board